

COUNCIL MEMBER HELEN ROSENTHAL INVITES YOU TO HER TOWN HALL!

Monday, April 27, 2015 • 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

W83 – Redeemer Presbyterian Church • 150 West 83rd Street (between Columbus Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue)

Representatives from the following agencies will answer your questions:

Department of Education (DOE)
Department of Transportation (DOT)
Department of Sanitation
Department of Buildings (DOB)

Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)
ConEd
Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

Department of Parks & Recreation
Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD)
Human Resources Administration (HRA)

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Voting week is
April 13-19 in locations
across the district

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estarán disponibles
durante la semana
de votación



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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER **HELEN ROSENTHAL**

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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

This is it! It's time to vote on how YOU want to spend \$1 million to improve the Upper West Side!

This newsletter lists all of the projects you'll find on the ballot. These projects were submitted by Upper West Siders and developed into real proposals through the hard work of neighborhood volunteers.

Voting will take place Monday, April 13 through Sunday, April 19. Remember, this is NOT a political election, and you don't need to be registered to vote. Simply show up at a voting location with a form of ID that proves that you live on the Upper West Side and are 16 years old or older. If you can't get out to vote, call us, and we'll send you an absentee ballot.

This year's participatory budgeting was a learning process for our community and our office. We have lots of

ideas about how to revise, simplify and improve upon the process for next year. Thank you to all those that went on this ride with us and helped us to get to this point. These are all great projects, and it will be difficult to choose just five.

I also invite you to join me at my **Town Hall**, where you can ask questions to representatives from over a dozen city agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Department of Education, and the Department of Sanitation. The Town Hall will take place on **Monday, April 27** from **6 p.m. – 9 p.m.** at **W83 Redeemer Presbyterian Church at 150 West 83rd Street** (between Columbus Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue).

Warmly,

Helen Rosenthal



Council Member Helen Rosenthal, the NYPD Highway Patrol, and Transportation Alternatives hold a street safety education event at 96th Street & Broadway (November 15, 2014)



Council Member Helen Rosenthal and Doe Fund Founder and President George McDonald announce additional daily garbage pickup on Broadway (January 23, 2015)

VOTING LOCATIONS & TIMES

PROJECT EXPOS

Monday, April 13

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Library Branch

127 Amsterdam Avenue

(Between 65th Street and 66th Street)

Wednesday, April 15

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Broadway Mall Community Center

West 96th Street and Broadway

Friday, April 17

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Outside Council Member Rosenthal's District Office

563 Columbus Avenue

(On the corner of 87th Street)

Saturday, April 18

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

YMCA Parkside Lounge Room

5 West 63rd Street

(between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue)

Sunday, April 19

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Community Board 7 Offices

250 West 87th Street, First floor

(Between Broadway and West End Avenue)

MORE WAYS TO VOTE

Please note that our district office (87th Street and Columbus) will be a permanent voting location during the week of **April 13 through April 17**. We are open **Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** and on **Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Voting is from April 13 through April 19, 2015. If you cannot make it to our offices or to any voting location, we will mail a ballot to your residence. **You must request the ballot by April 10, 2015** by calling our offices at **(212) 873-0282 ext. 206** or emailing **deras@council.nyc.gov**. You must mail the ballot back to us no later than April 19, 2015 or your vote will not be tallied. We will also have pop-up voting stations around the district -- look for us!

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

INSTRUCTIONS: You may pick up to 5 projects. Any ballot with more than 5 projects will be discarded. Brief descriptions are below -- come to our Project Expos to see full project details and pictures.

HOUSING

1. Back plaza and playground upgrades at 589 Amsterdam Avenue

(New York City Housing Authority)

Cost: \$500,000

Location: 589 Amsterdam Avenue, at 88th Street & Amsterdam Avenue

Description: Upgrade and improve the upper and lower recreation area behind the 589 Amsterdam Avenue building to provide residents with chairs, tables, benches, and trees to use for congregating and leisurely activities.

2. Barrels Playground Renovation at Amsterdam Houses

(New York City Housing Authority)

Cost: \$500,000

Location: Amsterdam houses at W. 61st Street between Amsterdam Avenue & West End Avenue

Description: Renovating playground and outdated equipment at the Amsterdam Houses barrel playground to benefit resident families and children.

TRANSIT, SIDEWALKS, AND TRANSPORTATION

3. Countdown Meter Clocks at Crosstown Bus Stops on 96th Street, 86th Street, 79th Street & 65th Street stations

Cost: \$240,000

Location: Crosstown Bus Stops throughout the district. 96th Street, 86th Street, 79th Street, & 66th Street

Description: Installing Real Time Passenger Information Clocks at east-bound crosstown 96th Street, 86th Street, 79th Street and 66th Street bus stops to improve the public transportation experience.

4. 70th Street Broadway/Amsterdam Avenue Permanent Bowtie Safety Improvements

Cost: \$300,000

Location: 70th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue

Description: Make permanent the temporary safety improvements to pedestrian crossing area by building out painted areas. The project will extend to West End Avenue and 70th Street.

**Project submitted by the Department of Transportation (not through the community process)*

5. Curb Cut Repair at Northeast Corner of Amsterdam & 93rd St

Cost: \$115,000

Location: Northeast Corner of Amsterdam & 93rd St.

Description: Repair existing curb cut/pedestrian ramp at 680 Amsterdam Avenue (northeast corner of 93rd Street).

PARKS, PLAYGROUND, AND ENVIRONMENT

6. Hudson Beach Recreation Area Upgrade

Cost: \$130,000

Location: Riverside Park at 103rd Street and Riverside Drive

Description: Installation of adult workout equipment and upgrade of the Swing-A-Ring area in Riverside Park to promote safety and better use of the area.

7. Hudson River Greenway Bike and Pedestrian Pathway Improvements

Cost: \$200,000

Location: Hudson River Greenway from 72nd Street to 84th Street

Description: Separation of pedestrian and cyclist paths on the popular Hudson River Greenway to help decrease congestion and promote safety for residents and cyclists.

NG PROJECTS DISTRICT 6

8. Crew cab pick-up truck for garbage collection in Riverside Park

Cost: \$40,000

Location: District 6

Description: Purchasing a new crew cab pick-up truck for increased garbage collection to be used throughout Riverside Park.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

9. Air Conditioning wiring for P.S. 191 Lunchroom

Cost: \$250,000

Location: P.S. 191 The Museum Magnet School located at 210 West 61st Street

Description: Wiring to provide air conditioning for lunchroom at P.S. 191.

10. A Garden at PS 191

Cost: \$200,000

Location: P.S. 191, 210 West 61th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and West End Avenue

Description: Creating a garden and green space at P.S. 191 for students.

11. Technology Upgrades at Public High schools located at Brandeis Campus

Cost: \$200,000

Location: Louis D. Brandeis High School complex on West 84th Street between Columbus Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue

Description: Enhancing the technological department of the Brandeis school campus through new computers and smart boards.

12. Inclusive Playground at the Joan of Arc Public School Complex

Cost: \$300,000

Location: Joan of Arc School Complex on West 93rd Street between Columbus Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue (houses P.S. 333, Manhattan School for children and Middle schools: M.S. 258 and M.S. 256)

Description: Phase 1 of an all-inclusive and accessible playground to enable children with disabilities to freely play and interact with other students in the community.

13. Turf Field at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public School Complex

Cost: \$150,000

Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Public School Complex on Amsterdam between 65th and 66th Streets (houses Manhattan/Hunter College High School of Science; Special Music School; The High School of Law, Advocacy, and Community Justice; High School for Arts, Imagination, and Inquiry; High School of the Arts and Technology, and Urban Assembly School for Media Studies)

Description: Phase 1 of an 11,000 square foot lighted, artificial turf athletic field. It will serve as practice space for multiple school sports teams and for community sport programs.

SENIORS, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

14. Mobile Food Pantry for West Side Campaign against Hunger

Cost: \$250,000

Location: West Side Campaign against Hunger is located at 86th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue - the mobile food pantry will travel to sites throughout the district

Description: Purchase a specialized van to serve as a food pantry throughout the district to provide individuals with food and social services to those who need it. The van will be operated and maintained by the West Side Campaign against Hunger.

15. Air Conditioning Renovations at the NYPL for the Performing Arts

Cost: \$350,000

Location: the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts on 65th Street and Amsterdam Avenue

Description: Renovating a 40 year-old air conditioning system at the New York Public Library of Performing Arts to allow visitors to access the library during the warmer months comfortably.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

- **Must be at least 16 years old AND**
- **Must live in the district or attend high school in the district**

ACCEPTABLE IDS FOR VOTING ELIGIBILITY:

Voters may present a wide array of proofs of ID to verify their age and residency/school enrollment in the district.

- **A document with name and current address from a local, state, or U.S. government agency such as a state driver's license or non-driver ID, EBT card, Student ID, military ID card, etc.**

OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Utility, medical, credit card bill with name and current address
- Current lease
- Employee ID
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) or other Immigration Documentation
- Passport or other ID issued by a foreign government
- Medicare or other insurance document with address
- School records (or naming the parents of children attending school and the parents' address
- Birth or marriage certificate